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Four members of the East-West Relations Committee of the Religious Society of Friends, Mrs. Stella Alexander, Gerald Bailey, William Barton, and Sydney Bailey, came to see me this afternoon. They have all had long connections with China. Consequently we had a good natured conversation, lasting an hour, about U.S. policy in regard to the Communist Government there. They were not especially critical of it, but thought since the Communist Government was likely to endure a long time, it was important for the Western nations, including ourselves, to maintain whatever contacts we could with people in China.

We had a reception tonight for about 175 people. David arrived, via a flight from Boston, about eleven o'clock.

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I called on the Uruguayan Ambassador, Dr. Don Roberto MacEachen, this morning. We were both verbose on the subject of how the economies of Latin American countries would be affected if the UK joined the Common Market. This led into the usual questions and answers as to the best way to organize the Alliance for Progress.

Gaston Coblentz lunched with me at the office, together with E and David. He stayed for three hours, in the course of which he gave a thorough, fascinating, and amusing review of the Berlin situation and conditions in Germany. He is leaving tomorrow for a vacation in the United States.

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I talked to Jean Monnet this afternoon on the telephone. He also is going to America tomorrow. I have not seen him since his return to France in February.

I had another somewhat uncommon letter today, from a young lady whose name is Pamela Ruck, reading as follows:

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